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In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 25, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant believes that no extensions of time are required at this time. If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Applicant believes that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. This Transmittal Letter;
2. A Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
3. Two acknowledgement postcards.

It is respectfully requested that the attached copy of the postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951 referencing docket number 2039384-5001US.

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